

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITORS,

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ALMSHOUSE AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
TOWN OF WEARE,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1,

1868.

MANCHESTER :

FISK'S STEAM JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

1868.

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REPORT OF J. C. MCINTIRE, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Town Farm in account with the Town, March 1st, 1868.

March, 1st. 1867.

DR.	To cost of Farm,	\$3,000 00
	Stock on Farm,	855 00
	Hay,	235 00
	Furniture,	250 00
	Tools and carriages,	248 00
	Shoats,	50 00
	Fowls,	10 00
	Provisions,	346 90
	Wood,	75 00
	Lumber,	36 00
	Bills paid,	549 26
	Interest on farm and stock, &c.,	261 18
	Superintendent's salary,	300 00
		———— \$6,216 34

March 1st, 1868.

Cr. By Farm,	\$3,000 00
Stock on Farm,	540 00
Hay,	230 00
Furniture,	260 00
Tools and carriages,	248 00
Shoats,	30 00
Fowls,	11 00
Provisions on hand,	243 85
Provisions, &c., sold,	487 40
Wood,	75 00
Lumber,	45 00
Due from County for support of S. Hadley,	36 00
	— \$5,206 25
Balance against town,	\$1,010 09

CYRUS E. WOOD, } Selectmen
D. P. WOODBURY, } of
A. H. WOOD, } Weare.

Ministerial Fund, (C. E. Wood, Agt.)

Universalist,	\$84 48	3d Freewill Baptist,	7 06
Calvinistic Baptist,	48 30	Advents,	2 19
Friends,	40 72	Methodist,	1 00
1st Freewill Baptist,	29 23		—
2d Freewill Baptist,	29 63		\$242 61

Paid School Districts.

No. 1,	\$66 65	No. 10,	\$76 80
2,	158 79	11,	79 92
3,	136 15	12,	84 83
4,	70 17	13,	90 48
5,	190 77	14,	98 10
6,	138 93	15,	73 73
7,	109 66	16,	40 08
8,	186 93		—
9,	88 01		\$1,690 00

ROAD BREAKING BILLS, 1867.

J. F. Vitty,	\$6 23	Nathaniel Q. Peaslee,	2 70
Stephen Rowell,	21 54	Daniel Boynton,	9 05
J. F. Vitty,	7 95	Samuel B. Hoyt,	1 57
Enoch Bartlett,	8 40	Wm. Favor,	1 27
Cyrus S. Willard,	3 60	Samuel Osborne,	10 06
J. Dow Chase,	27 74	J. W. Cilley,	3 10
Moses W. Cram,	8 25	Thomas F. Breed,	6 45
Otis F. Jewell,	17 46	Cleveland Cross,	4 75
Andrew Philbrick,	3 08	Ira Buxton,	3 30
James Woodbury,	8 55	Harrison E. Currier,	7 95
Samuel Follansbee,	8 53	Geo. G. Kendrick,	1 80
I. J. Webber,	2 79	Wm. Flanders, 1868,	15 28
Josiah Dow,	6 30	Ira Felch,	2 65
Orrin C. Favor,	2 25		
Nathaniel Peaslee,	3 72		\$206 32

Miscellaneous Bills.

Fanny C. Hoit, boarding Sarah Hoit.....	\$14 00
Moses Lull family	3 00
Wood for Town Hall.....	2 75
Dennis A. Paige, yoke of oxen for Town farm.....	250 00
Edson C. Eastman, Blank books.....	9 52
" " Inventory books.....	8 00
Wilson Thorndike, on account Gregg children.....	9 00
" " Charles A. Bixby.....	6 00
J. Hoag, stationery.....	65
Owen P. Frahuer, labor on bridge.....	2 00
Wm. H. Fisk, printing town and school reports.....	35 00
Harriet George, boarding Mrs. Lull.....	10 00
Paige R. Merrill, delivering pauper to poor farm.....	2 00
Wm. S. Mudgett, flour for Daniel Clough.....	17 00
David B. Leighton, coffin and box for Mrs. Lull.....	9 00
Ziba A. Hoit, paid John White family.....	20 00
Town of Hebron for Stearns family.....	56 28
Wm. B. Simons, labor on highway.....	43 50
D. W. Cogswell, serving pauper notice, Merrimack Co...	3 90
Town of Henniker on account Reuben G. White.....	29 75
Moses Johnson, labor on East Weare road.....	133 25
D. W. Cogswell, serving pauper notice on Geo. E. Hoit..	2 54
Timothy Tuttle for support of Paul child.....	3 00
E. C. Eastman, blanks and stationery	5 00
Dr. H. Chase, account Mrs Burnham.....	4 00
J. Dow Clement, labor on highway.....	16 75
Henry Foster, labor on highway.....	5 00
Dr. Frye, medical attendance on McCain family.....	9 25
E. A. Spalding, labor on highway.....	9 40

J. Dow Clement, damages on highway.....	15 00
I. Sawyer & Son on account Daniel Clough.....	13 25
Stephen B. Gove, labor on highway	3 12
A. R. Dearborn, on account John E. Worcester.....	1 50
Jane Paige on account George W. Clark.....	37 00
Moses Sawyer, on account George W. Clark	12 70
Peterson and Whittle, on account George W. Clark.....	4 50
Wm. P. Balch, labor on bridge.....	4 50
Town of Springfield, pauper bill	88 85
A. H. Wood, expenses on account pauper at Springfield..	10 50
Hiram M. Felch, Cilley bridge.....	10 00
Albert Frost, funeral expenses Mrs. Burnham.....	19 75
Josiah Dow, 900 feet bridge plank.....	13 50
D. Sawyer & Son, 1 bbl. flour for Daniel Clough.....	14 00
Thomas F. Breed, labor on highway.....	5 25
Jos. D. Chase, services Superintending School Committee	40 00
A. J. Philbrick, digging graves for Mrs. Lull and Augustus Eastman.....	3 00
J. S. Philbrick, lumber for bridge.....	8 75
A. B. Johnson, nails, powder and fuse.....	1 37
Ebenezer Gove, care literary fund.....	10 00
Lewis Philbrick, damage on highway.....	10 00
Daniel Page, care of school fund	6 00
Moses Johnson, plank and labor on bridge.....	27 61
Robert Peaslee, lumber for bridge.....	30 55
Dennis A. Paige, on account of Nathaniel Peaslee, 3d.....	113 99
Geo. L. Hadley, services as Sup't School Committee.....	40 00
" " books for indigent children.....	2 30
Nathaniel Peaslee, labor on highway.....	7 90
A. R. Dearborn, on account Green Boynton family.....	5 00
" " Tuttle family.....	4 75
Israel Hoag, goods furnished Mrs. George.....	11 96
" stationery.....	2 00
Peterson & Whittle, medical attendance Nath'l Peaslee's family.....	42 50
Peterson & Whittle, medical attendance Mrs. White	3 50
Hadley & Buxton, goods furnished Wm. McCain.....	85 00
Wm. W. Vance, lumber and labor on Carr bridge.....	19 29
City of Manchester on account Mrs. L. Lull.....	7 00
Town of Sutton, on account Fletcher family.....	23 48
David F. Edmunds, lumber for bridge.....	5 63
D. P. Woodbury, expenses on account Joshua Gove.....	9 30
labor on Robie hill.....	5 00
horse hire to Hopkinton, on acc't Mrs. Keyser.....	1 00
horse hire Dunbarton, town line.....	1 00
cash paid for expenses to Sutton, Fletcher family.....	2 25
horse hire Hopkinton, Fletcher family.....	1 00
A. F. Carr, reporting births and deaths.....	40
Harrison E. Currier, labor on highway.....	1 05

I. P. Dodge, plank for bridge and labor.....	6 50
Ira Felch, labor on highway.....	2 50
Daniel Johnson, expenses to Manchester and Concord.....	4 10
Thomas Eaton, for gravel on Horse hill.....	6 00
Caroline V. Clement, making robe, &c., for Mrs. J. Lull..	1 00
Moses A. Hodgdon, bridge plank.....	11 88
Cyrus E. Wood, making selectmen's records.....	10 00
expenses to Manchester, and counsel.....	5 60
Hebron, on account Stearns family.....	10 00
horse hire and expenses to Springfield.....	8 50
survey on Dunbarton line.....	1 00
carried Joshua Gove to J. D. Clement's..	1 00
horse hire and expenses to Springfield.....	8 77
carrying Mrs. Thompson town farm.....	2 00
postage stamps	1 50
Daniel Johnson, carrying pauper to poor farm.....	1 00
on account poor farm records.....	1 00
services as town clerk.....	35 00
Abner P. Collins, victualing and lodging poor travelers..	15 00
John L. H. Marshall, expenses.....	4 00
Daniel Johnson, selectmen's expenses.....	14 00
Wm. B. Simons, sweeping town hall.....	25
Jesse Clement, selectmen expenses.....	10 50
Paid Auditors.....	5 00

\$1,671 64

ABATEMENT OF TAXES FOR 1866.

Hosea B Felch.....	\$5 70
Joshua Griffin.....	5 70
E F Jackman, illegal.....	27 36
Frank Mount, illegal.....	5 70
William Martin, illegal.....	19 00
R N Messer, paid in Lawrence.....	8 55
Wm McManus.....	5 70
W H Nichols.....	5 70
Charles Osgood.....	5 70
Enoch Perkins.....	2 38
C C Perry.....	5 70
Edmond Stone.....	5 70
George Silver, illegal.....	5 70
Reuben Smith ".....	3 38
James Woodbury.....	12 83
Lydia Felch, illegal.....	3 25
J E Worcester, left town.....	9 50
Etham Smith 2d, paid New Boston.....	5 70
Jonathan Lock.....	6 90
James W Marshall.....	5 70
Beldon Smith.....	5 70
Wm Stinson.....	5 70
David Eaton.....	9 64
Flanders Philips.....	10 45

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Henry Colby, paid Goffstown.....	5 64
Hiram N Dearborn.....	5 64
Duffy Martin.....	5 64
C F Noyes	5 64
Enoch Perkins.....	7 99
Nathaniel Peaslee 3d.....	6 34
Town Farm.....	34 78
John E Worcester.....	9 87
John Wyman.....	5 64
Eben Colby, over tax.....	3 00
Nathan Sawyer, illegal, 1866.....	5 70
John G. Wadleigh.....	5 64
William Burnham.....	11 80
E J Moore.....	5 64
Daniel Gregg, over tax..	17 70
1865.	
James Woodbury	12 15
Solon Goss.....	4 55
Wm H Nichols.....	5 40
S O Scruton	5 00
B F Muzzy, 1864.....	1 16
B F Muzzy, 1865.....	5 63
Jefferson Lull.....	29
David Colby.....	5 40
Stephen B Gove.....	2 47

Selectmen's Services.

Cyrus E. Wood,	\$89 00
D. P. Woodbury,	80 00
Alonzo H. Wood,	81 00
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\$250 00

Paid notes and interest,	\$21, 843 22
Money hired and notes given in 1867,	\$1,224 13
Received on Town bonds,	[\$11,400 00
Amount outstanding notes given prior to March, 1867, \$22,704 99	
Amount bonds given prior to March, 1867,	\$17,100 00

CYRUS E. WOOD, } Selectmen
 D. P. WOODBURY, } of
 A. H. WOOD, } Weare.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Daniel Johnson,	Dr.
To amount committed to Jesse Clement, collector.....	\$17,640 74

Interest on literary fund.....	130 00
" " school fund	120 00
State on literary fund.....	94 95
Savings bank tax.....	748 55
Railroad tax.	147 97
United States bounties.....	358 00
County, for paupers	266 95
Jeremiah Davis.....	9 18
David Eaton, poll tax.....	5 70
Susan J. Thompson.....	40 00
Messer, lot old plank.....	1 00
Amount in Collector's hands last year and paid.....	3,852 59
Received for oxen sold from poor farm..	260 00
Received of the town of Deering.....	137 14
Money on Notes	1,224 13
Received on town bonds.....	11,400 00
	————— \$36,436 90

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Paid Miscellaneous bills.....	\$1,671 64
Schools	1,690 00
Road breaking.....	206 32
State Tax.....	3,693 75
County Tax.....	1,104 18
Non-resident highway tax worked.....	179 50
Taxes abated.....	366 05
Poor farm bills.....	95 86
Superintendent of poor farm.....	300 00
Notes and interest.....	21,843 22
Jesse Clement, collector.....	150 00
Daniel Johnson, treasurer.....	75 00
Selectmen's services.....	250 00
Discount allowed J. D. Chase.....	256 56
	————— \$31,842 08

Amount in Treasurer and Collector's hands,	\$4,594 82
Outstanding notes.....	\$23,929 12
" bonds.	28,500 00
Interest.....	3,620 37
	————— \$56,049 49
Due from Treasurer and Collector,	4,594 82

Town debt	\$51,454 67
Amount of dog tax,	\$255 00

DANIEL JOHNSON, Town Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing accounts, and found the vouchers satisfactory, and the footings correct.

ROBERT PEASLEE,
WILLIAM H. GOVE,

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Weare:

We have visited all the schools, some of them several times, during the summer terms. They have been managed very well, with two exceptions. The teachers seemed to be interested in and devoted to their business, while the scholars made satisfactory improvement.

It is with reluctance that we speak of individual teachers who have endeavored to do the best they could, but from want of experience have made partial failures. Whenever this is the case, there is a want of interest on the part of prudential committees and parents, to counsel those who have charge of their children.

JOSIAH D. CHASE.

On the 23d of October last, the subscriber was appointed Superintending School Committee to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Josiah D. Chase. We have endeavored to discharge the duties of the office in a faithful and impartial manner.

We believe that prudential committees have been very fortunate in the selection of teachers for our winter schools. Several young teachers have entered the field, and have been very successful. We have a large amount of sympathy and charity for such. They need constant encouragement and an unwavering support to make them successful in their calling. Perhaps a single kind word spoken at the right time may cheer a weary desponding laborer and influence his whole future life for good. Be just to young teachers. They have a great deal to learn from observation and experience. Be ever ready to lend them a helping hand, and try to make them what they should be.

All the summer schools, and the fall terms in Nos. 1 and 15, are reported by I. D. Chase. The winter schools are reported by the subscriber.

GEORGE L. HADLEY.

DISTRICT No. 1.—PUTNEY'S.

Summer term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 16. Taught by Mary L. Walker. Her first school. She was qualified in every way, save in experience. If she had been directed aright by some

member of the district, and had paid no attention thereto, on application to the Superintending Committee, she could have been discharged. The fault, if any, was devoting too much time to recreation at the expense of recitations, an error not infrequent with beginners. With more care on the part of the parents she would have done very well.

Fall term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 20. Taught by Helen M. Baker. A good teacher. Worked faithfully, and the scholars improved. A successful term, notwithstanding the fact that two or three persons endeavored to make some disturbance. Finding it impossible to impeach the teacher, they turned with double fury upon the Superintending Committee, for speaking to two or three of the scholars upon the necessity of making the best use of their time while at school, and advising them to prepare themselves, by a course of reading at home to fill honorably the various stations in life to which they might be called. For such an offence, we were rebuked in presence of the school. Had it been done privately, the matter would have ended then and there. Being asked what right we had to select one or two scholars and address them upon any subject, we foolishly endeavored to make some explanation. A person so ignorant of the laws by which our school committees are governed in the discharge of their official duties, and so ignorant of the laws of propriety, as to make such replies as were then and there made to us, should be left alone.

We allude to the matter for no other purpose than to put the district upon their responsibility in future. If such a state of things continues, the school will be ruined.

If the scholars could be made sensible of their ignorance, they would appreciate their privileges more highly. If a scholar thinks he knows everything, there is not much chance for improvement in him, unless he is made to feel that there is something more for him to learn. In this school, the oldest scholars know everything but one—they don't know their own ignorance.

MOSES W. MORSE, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 2.—NORTH WEARE.

Summer term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 42. S. C. Kimball, teacher. A good school. Two or three scholars do not take the interest they should, for their own good, and for the good of the school.

Winter term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 43. Taught by Clarion H. Kimball, a teacher who is not afraid of hard work in

the school room. Recitations prompt. Excellent classes in arithmetic and algebra. Discipline good. A very interesting examination at the close.

ALBE MORRILL, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 3.—ROCKLAND.

Summer term, 7 weeks. Number of scholars, 48. Taught by Achsa N. Matthews. The scholars made some improvement. The teacher was overworked. A large school. There were ten scholars under five years of age, who, for their own good, and the good of the school, we wish had remained at home. Had the time spent with them been devoted to the older and more advanced scholars, it would have been much better.

Winter term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 55. Taught by Sarah M. Hadley. A large school and a difficult one, requiring the possession of an inexhaustible stock of patience, and the exercise of untiring industry upon the part of the teacher to ensure success. We believe Miss Hadley endeavored to do her duty faithfully. The school appeared well at its final examination.

JOHN D. COURCEY, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 4.—SUGAR HILL,

Summer term, 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 22. Taught by Medora Edmunds. The school was kept in good order, and the scholars improved.

Winter term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 24. Taught by Medora Edmunds. A very profitable term. Teacher competent and faithful. Pupils prompt and thorough. Reading excellent. Great care exercised to have pupils understand what they read. Class in Common School Arithmetic knew what they were about. Good recitations and good singing at our last visit. Register neat and correct, for which we are truly thankful.

DANIEL B. EATON, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 5.—CLINTON GROVE.

Summer term, taught by Eliza A. Gillis. Number of scholars, 46. This school sustained its former reputation. The scholars made good improvement. No register received.

Winter term, 12 weeks. Number of scholars, 50. Taught by

H. Marion Straw. Miss Straw taught an excellent school. The final examination was highly creditable to teacher and pupils, proving to our entire satisfaction that a large amount of work had been well performed. We were very happy to meet quite a number of the parents in school on examination day, testifying, by their presence, an interest in the progress and welfare of their children. The place to obtain a school report is in the school-room. Visit it, parents, and judge for yourselves of the character of your schools.

GEORGE F. SALTMARSH, Prudential Com.

DISTRICT No. 6.—CENTER.

Summer term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 41. Taught by Alice L. Smith. A large school and difficult to manage. Miss Smith governed very well, and scholars improved. A more rigid discipline than we have yet seen in this school, is required, to make it what it should be.

Winter term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 44. Taught by Alice L. Smith. Miss Smith is an earnest, hard-working teacher. She labored faithfully in this school, which improved much under her care.

DANIEL JOHNSON, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 7.—EAST WEARE.

Summer term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 24. Taught by Eva Piper. We were pleased with her management and have no doubt the scholars improved under her instruction. We did not receive a notice in season to be present at the closing exercises.

Winter term, 5 weeks. Number of scholars, 36. Taught by Henry M. Dearborn. We disliked very much the careless and heedless deportment of some of the pupils—not a vicious disposition, but an inattentive one. We regret that Mr. Dearborn did not have a longer time in which to continue the work begun, as we believe he would have brought the school under better discipline. He appeared competent and willing to perform his duty faithfully. The recitations were very good. Improvement as good as could reasonably be expected in so short a term.

PILLSBURY R. EATON, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 8.—SOUTH WEARE.

Two schools were taught in this district, both in summer and in winter. Summer term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 17. Taught by Sarah M. Hadley. An active, energetic teacher. Her

scholars were kept at work. Order good, and school closed well.

Summer term, 10 weeks. Number of scholars, 17. Taught by Anna H. McCoy. A very good teacher. Her scholars made good improvement.

Winter term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 23. Taught by Jason P. Dearborn, who fully sustained his high reputation as a teacher, and gave universal satisfaction, so far as we know. A close sympathy existed between teacher and pupils—an ardent desire to work together—hence a profitable term. The secret of success in teaching is the power of awakening ambition, controlling passion and obtaining obedience as the result of self-respect.

Winter term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 25. Taught by Henry P. Dearborn, who labored faithfully. The school displayed evidence of improvement at its close. Discipline good.

JOHN L. HADLEY, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.—BARNARD HILL.

Summer term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 18. Taught by Clara A. Barnard. We thought she would be a faithful teacher. She made a good beginning. We did not receive notice in season to attend the closing exercises. We have heard no complaints.

Winter term, 11 1-2 weeks; number of scholars, 24. Taught by John C. Marshall. This was his first school. Teacher and pupils appeared well at both visits. A very satisfactory examination near the close of the term. We sincerely hope Mr. Marshall will continue to teach in town. We need just such teachers as he in all our schools—quiet, but resolute—able, willing, faithful, conscientious workers.

PAIGE M. BARNARD, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 10.—RIVER ROAD.

Summer term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 13. Taught by Helen M. Baker. Miss Baker has taught several terms in Weare with good success.

Winter term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 19. Taught by Josiah H. Nichols. A quiet, industrious school; no confusion in the school-room. Both teacher and pupils performed every duty faithfully, so far as we know. The final examination indicated a thorough understanding of principles, as well as a knowledge of rules.

ALMUS L. MARSHALL, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 11.—MOUNTAIN.

Summer term, 5 weeks; number of scholars, 10. Taught by Ella F. Nutting. Miss Nutting's first school; small and not much done. Better scholar than worker. After she learns the duties of a teacher, we have no doubt she will succeed.

Winter term, 8 weeks; number of scholars, 16. Taught by Eben B. Bartlett. Another beginner; school appeared well at both visits. Classes in Arithmetic made very good progress. A profitable term.

CHARLES H. JOHNSON, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 12.—BUXTON'S.

Summer term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 19. Taught by Julia A. Cochran. Miss Cochran taught a very good school.—Scholars improved under her instruction.

Winter term, 9 4-11 weeks; number of scholars, 21. Taught by Almon D. Sleeper. The advantage of continuing a good teacher in the same school was clearly seen in the appearance and progress of this school. Mr. Sleeper knew just where and how to commence his work, and carried it on quietly, smoothly and profitably to the close of the term. An excellent examination.

LEVI CURRIER, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 13.—DEARBORN'S.

Summer term, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 18. Taught by Jennette P. Gould. Miss Gould succeeded very well, and will make a good teacher, if she does not spend too much time in talking about order. It was her first school, and she taught in her own district.

Winter term. This school is in session at the time of writing this report, under charge of Almon L. Sleeper. Number of scholars, 24. The school appeared well at our visit, and we have no doubt that it will be a profitable term.

JASON P. DEARBORN, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 14.—OIL MILL.

Summer term, 11 weeks; number of scholars, 36. Taught by Lizzie Bryant. This school was soon brought under good discipline, and closed with much credit to teacher and pupils.

Winter term, 5 weeks; number of scholars, 33. Taught by Calvin Martin. We found Mr. Martin at home in the school-room, and the school made very good improvement under his charge.

RICHARD H. PEASLEE, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 15.—FRIENDS'.

Summer term, 8 weeks. Number of scholars, 21. Taught by Lizzie M. Jepson. She was quite successful and improved by experience.

Fall term, 6 weeks. Number of scholars, 22. Taught by Warren D. Paige, who very soon brought the school under good discipline, and the scholars made satisfactory improvement.

JOHN THORNDIKE, Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT No. 16.—CILLEY'S.

Summer term, 3 weeks. Number of scholars, 5. Taught by Anna R. Clifford three weeks, when her health failed and she closed her school. She made a good beginning, and with health would make a good teacher.

Winter term, 9 1-3 weeks. Number of scholars, 10. Taught by Jennie M. Peaslee. A small flock, faithfully watched over. Teacher competent, and willing to aid her pupils. Pupils orderly and industrious. A profitable term.

JOHN C. CILLEY, Prudential Committee.

JOSIAH D. CHASE, " } S. S. Committee
GEORGE L. HADLEY, } of Weare.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	TERMS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. of scholars.			Wages of teacher per month, including board.	Money appropriated, 1867.	No. of scholars for apportionment.	No. of visits.
			Average attendance.	Length in weeks.	No. between 4 & 14 not attending.				
1	Summer.	Mary E. Walker.	16 14	8	16	66 65 19 42			
	Fall.	Helen M. Baker.	18 14 10	6	28			18	
2	Summer.	S. C. Kimball.	42 34	8	32	158 19 47 14			
	Winter.	C. H. Kimball	43 34 10		48				
3	Summer.	Achsa N. Matthews.	48 40	7	24	136 15 62 32			
	Winter.	Sarah M. Hadley.	55 52	9	28			24	
4	Summer.	Medora Edmunds.	22 18	9	20	70 17 27 32			
	Winter.	Medora Edmunds.	24 22	9	20			26	
5	Summer.	Eliza A. Gillis.	46 40			190 77 50			
	Winter.	H. Marion Straw.	50 38 12	3	30			30	
6	Summer.	Alice L. Smith.	41 34	8	24	138 93 48 11			
	Winter.	Alice L. Smith.	44 35 10		28			17	
7	Summer.	Eva Piper.	29 21 10		22 50	109 66 37 29			
	Winter.	Henry M. Dearborn.	36 30 5		36 75			2	
	Summer.	Sarah M. Hadley.	17 15 10		16			41	
8	Summer.	Anna H. McCoy.	28 23 10		16	186 93 60 34			
	Winter.	Jason P. Dearborn.	23 17 8	6	35			8	
	Winter.	Henry P. Dearborn.	25 21 8	3	35			14	
9	Summer.	Clara A. Barnard.	18 14 12	2	20	88 61 28 41			
	Winter.	John C. Marshall.	24 17 11	2	30			11	
10	Summer.	Helen M. Baker.	13 10 8	2	20	76 80 21 14			
	Winter.	Josiah H. Nichols.	19 16 8	1	35			19	
11	Summer.	Ella F. Nutting.	10 9 6	7	18	79 92 18 30			
	Winter.	Eben B. Bartlett.	16 12 8	2	30			11	
12	Summer.	Julia A. Cochran.	19 16 10	1	18	84 83 23 30			
	Winter.	Almon L. Sleeper.	21 20 9	4	35			25	
13	Summer.	Jenette P. Gould.	18 16 10	3	12	90 48 24 47			
	Winter.	Almon L. Sleeper.	24		35				
14	Summer.	Lizzie Bryant.	36 33 10		24	98 10 38 35			
	Winter.	Calvin Martin.	37 35 5	4	30			5	
15	Summer.	Lizzie M. Jepson.	21 20 8	1	20	73 73 24 14			
	Fall.	Warren D. Paige.	22 20 6	6	22			24	
16	Summer.	Anna R. Clifford.	4 4 3		20	40 08 10 2			
	Winter.	Jennie M. Peaslee.	10 9 9		20			12	

REPORT OF THE ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.
Joseph Cram, Superintendent.

March 1, 1868	Dr	March 1, 1869	Cr
Cost of farm	\$3,000 00	Farm	\$3,000 00
Stock on do	540 00	Stock	50 00
Hay	230 00	Hay	131 50
Furniture	260 00	Furniture	260 00
Tools and carriages	248 00	Tools and carriages	283 00
Shoats	30 00	Shoat	12 00
Fowls	11 00	Fowls	8 00
Provisions	243 85	Provisions on hand	190 00
Wood	75 00	do &c sold	1,999 55
Lumber	45 00	Wood	60 00
Bills paid	1,034 10	Lumber	100 00
Interest	246 58		
Supt's salary	300 00		
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	\$6,263 53	Balance	\$169 48

Hadley & Buxton's Bill.

3 lbs tobacco, .90, 2 hands tobacco, \$1.00, 1 plaster, .20, 1 lb Jap tea, 1.00, 1 cream tartar, .60, 15 1-2 lbs fish, 1 24, 1 paper needles, 9, 2 gall molasses, 1,20, 1 lp J tea, 1 20, 1 h-plaster, .20, 1-4 casia, .22, 1-4 clove, .12, 4 yds print, .52, 1 bbl flour, 13.50, 16 1-4 fish, 1,30, 1-4 gro matches, .60, 2 oz onion seed, .33, 2 sugar, .34, 1 lb tea, 1,20, 12 lb fish, .48, 2 gall molasses, 1,20, 1 lb salaratus, .10, 2 combs, .12, 1 lk linen, .05, 1 bean pot, .17, 1 burner and chimney, .35, 1 shade and clasp, .35, 1-2 bush h'g seeds, 1,63, 15 lb clover, 2,50, 1 paper tacks, .06, S Hadley, old acct and interest, 5,43. \$42.40.

Jona Buxton's Bill.

3 papers seeds, .15, cabbage seeds, .10, beet seeds, 12, 1 paper, .05, 1 vinegar, .16, 1 pepper, .16, 1 hoe, .83, 1-4 lb salt petre, .10, 8 1-2 lb bone meal, .60, 40 3-4 yds sheeting, 7.75, 3 1-2 yds denims, 1,05, 1 gal kerosene, .45, 1 bottle peppermint, .25, 2 spools thread, .10, 1 h'k linen, .05, 1 pr pants, 3.50, 1 hat, .42, 2 pr feeting, 1,17, 1 pr shoes, 1,50, 4 lbs nails, .26, 1-2 lb putty, .06, 1 roll tape, .05, 12 yds denims, 3.60, 1 chamber, .67, 2 spools, .10, 1 coat, 6.75, 1 vest, 1,75, 3 yds denims, .90, 2 prs shoes, 3.00, 1 yd strainer, .50, 4 yds crash, .60, 2 yds cloth, .36, 1 bbl flour, 13.00, 2 butter tubs, .66, 1 lb tea, 1,20, 1-2 lb ginger, .19, 10 1-2 yds sheeting,

1.89, 6 yds sheeting, 1.08, 1 pa needles, .08, 1 pa seeds, .04, 1 broom, .58, 1 pr army shoes, 1.35, 2 hats, .60, 3 lbs glue, 90, 8 lb whiting, .40, 1 lb nails, .06, 2 hands tobacco, .30, pipes, .02, 2 lbs nails, .12, 4 doz crackers, .32, 4 yds denims, 1.20, 1 lb tea, 1.20, 2 yds sheeting, .20, 2 hanks linen, .10, 1 rifle, .10, 1 stone, .10, 75 lbs salt, 94, 3 doz crackers, .24, 1 hat, 1.15, beeswax, .14, tobacco, .45, 3yds sheeting, .54, spools, .10, 10 yds print, 1.50, hooks and eyes, .04, 1 spool, .05, 1 yd cotton cloth, .18, 1 bag meal, 2.55, 3 3-4 lb pins, .33, 1 lb tea, 1.20, 1 pa needles, .09, 1 stick braid, .08, 1 lb sugar, .17, 1 cake soap, 12, 2 bags meal, 5.50, 1 hand tobacco, .15, 1 spool, .05, shorts, 1.54, 1 comb, .05, 1 stick braid, .10, 1-4 gro matches, .60, stove polish, .08, 1 brist brick, .10, paper and env, .22, 1-4 lb allum, .03, 1 bbl flour, 12.25, 1 chimney, .10, 1 ball twine, .15, 1 lb powder, .40, 1 lb shot, .14, 3 1-2 yd fuse, 10, 1 box caps, .08, 1 coat, 1.62, 1 vest, 1.75, 2 wicks, .02, 1 pr pants, 2.75, 2 spools, .10, 2 sheets wadding, .24, 1 lb tea, 1.20, 1 lb starch, .16, 2 hands tobacco, .25, 1 gal kers oil, .40, 1-2 bush salt, .40, 2 cider bbls, 5.50, 1-2 lb ginger, .19, 1-4 lb cassia, .20, 2 hds tobacco, .12, 1 hank linen, .05, 2 lbs raisins, .44, 3 lbs sugar, .50, 1-2 lb tea, .60, 1 gal kers oil, .37, 1 broom, .54, 1 paper pins, .07, 1 pa needles, .08, 6 yds curtain paper, .27, 1 lb starch, .16, 1 lb tea, 1.20, 1 comb, .12, 2 hank thread, .10, 2 lbs raisins, .32, 2 plates, .22, 1 gal oil, .37, 2 doz crackers, .16, stove polish &c, .18, 2 lbs raisins, .28, 1 spool, .04, 2 chimneys, .20, 1 pr boots, 3.00, paper, .20, 1 shade, .30, 1 oz nutmeg, .10, 1-4 lb clove, .15, paid mirror, .95, 1 bag meal, 2.65, 2 lb. nail, .13, 1 vest, 3.10, pork &c, 3.13, matches, .55, 2 chimneys, .20, 20 1-2 lbs ham, 3.89, goods delivered Sam'l Hadley, 1.20. \$135.03.

Cyrus E. Wood's Bill.

1-2 bbl mackerell, 9.75, 15 lbs coffee, 4.05, 16 lbs tea, 14.40, 10 lbs. smok. tobacco, 3.50, 4 box salt, 1.32, 12 lbs salt, .96, 1-2 lb nutmegs, .68, 34 gal molasses, 17.00, 75 lbs fish, 4.50, 100 lbs sugar, 15.25, paid fr'ght, 1.50, 1 horse, 100.00, 1 yoke oxen, 207.50, 1 farm wag-on and rack, 35.00, white washing, 6.00. \$421.41.

Daniel Sawyer & Son's Bill.

1 bbl flour, 12.25, 2 boxes cayenne, .20, \$12.45.

Elbridge C. Colby's Bill.

Pasturing 6 head cattle, 20.00.

Paid by Joseph Cram.

Joseph Cram, 1 shoat.....	\$21 97
M Philbrick, filing saw.....	10
H H Gove, curry comb and brush.....	50
Whipple & Attwood, nutmeg.....	10
E C Colby, 1 bag meal.....	3 00
H H Gove, 11 plates.....	1 00
do hen and chickings.....	75
Wm McCain, repairing boots.....	15
James Cram, 1 cow.....	75 00
Buxton, 1 bbl flour.....	13 60

N G Cram, butchering.....	50
J Cram, expenses to Manchester.....	75
do alcohol and spirits turpentine.....	1 15
Daniel Smith, for wagon.....	25
Geo Hadley, 150 lbs meal.....	3 75
Chandler, shoeing horse.....	75
S G Gove, 2 bush wheat.....	7 50
J Cram, 1-2 do	1 88
Wm P Balch, sowing wheat.....	50
J Cram, 1 hat.....	75
do leather.....	75
G F Saltmarsh, blacksmith work.....	25
E Bailey, vinegar.....	25
S Paige, oil.....	50
Dr Ordway, 1 hoe.....	50
3 hands tobacco.....	45
Dustin White, horse hire.....	29
Daniel Smith, 1 bush potatoes.....	1 00
J Cram, 1 vest.....	2 50
Dustin White, horse hire.....	50
Levi Currier, do	30
Ethan Smith, tomato plants.....	25
J Cram, tobacco.....	15
Wm P Balch, 1 qt beans.....	16
J Cram, 1 1-2 bush potatoes.....	1 50
do beef.....	1 50
J Andrews, threshing.....	1 74
E C Colby, 2 bags meal.....	5 80
Whipple & Attwood, twine.....	30
Ann Cram, cutting dress.....	33
Moses Philbrick, use of mill.....	60
J Cram, expenses to Manchester.....	1 57
do ointment.....	25
Moses Philbrick, use of wagon.....	25
T Saltmarsh, repairing cart.....	1 00
Chandler, shoeing horse.....	1 40
E C Colby, meal.....	1 75
do crackers.....	50
D Sawyer & Son, lard.....	1 00
Geo Hadley, 200 lbs meal.....	5 00
Josiah B Eastman, 50 lbs beef.....	5 25
A Luf kin, 1 bbl.....	2 50
do 1 pr mittens.....	75
I P Dodge, drawing bark	5 00
Moses Philbrick, cider mill.....	1 00
Wm McCain, drawing cider.....	1 00
Almon Luf kin, use of wagon.....	25
Chandler, shoeing horse.....	1 40
E C Colby, 1-2 bush oats.....	40
J Cram, expense to Wilton.....	50

N G Cram, butchering.....	1 00
J Cram, do	75
Horatio Collins, do	50
Mrs Cram, 2 skeins yarn.....	40
J Cram, 1 coat for Ordway.....	6 00
Geo Hadley, 1 bag meal.....	2 50
I P Dodge, 2 pigs.....	5 00
Geo F Saltmarsh, shoeing horse.....	87
J Cram, 1 bottle gargling oil.....	50
do expenses to Henniker.....	50
do herrick plaster.....	25
do paid Sarah Fletcher.....	1 50
do leather.....	62
do expense to Goffstown.....	1 00
do paid Emma Cram for work.....	5 00
Barney, 1 strainer pail.....	75
James Cram, sawing shingles.....	21 50
J L Eastman, shoeing horse.....	15
President Felch, cabbage plants.....	10
Emma Cram, for work.....	50
Enoch Perkins, 2 qt beans.....	20
Geo F Saltmarsh, blacksmithing.....	50
A Luf kin, mending kettle.....	25
S Stevens, 1 ladder.....	1 54
D Sawyer & Son, 1 lb starch.....	18
Thomas Saltmarsh, repairing pump.....	25
E C Colby, meal.....	2 00
Chandler, shoeing horse.....	1 50
J Cram, 1 lb starch.....	25
A Luf kin, repairing clock.....	1 00
Paid for Colman & Co.....	75
Wm Colman, 1 pr shoes.....	1 00
Fred Cram, 17 days' work.....	42 50
J Cram, 19 1-2 lbs pork.....	3 25
do expenses to Manchester,.....	1 00
Almon Luf kin, wagon to Wilton.....	75
Levi —, drawing cider from mill.....	50
Nathan Hall, beef.....	5 60
Whipple & Attwood, 3 yds c cloth.....	45
Dr Terhune, med & att	2 00
Enoch Bartlett, 90 lbs beef.....	9 00
Thomas Saltmarsh, shoeing sleigh.....	3 75
James White, fish & clams.....	96
J Cram, 71 1-2 lb pork.....	9 29
Daniel R Peaslee, blacksmithing.....	75
Whipple & Attwood, one file.....	75
Jona Dearborn, clams.....	45
Mr Maxfield, white oak.....	1 50
James White, fish.....	48
Ben Dodge, chimney & fluid.....	30

James Cram, drawing logs.....	21 00
Ann Cram, 2 days' work.....	1 50
Geo Cram, 3 days' work with oxen.....	9 00
do drawing apples to mill.....	1 00
do labor on wheat	1 50
Whipple & Attwood, 10 lbs lard.....	2 50
Levi Currier, 65 lbs beef.....	8 45
do 4 gals vinegar	1 60
Moses A Hodgdon, 1 pig.....	5 00
Josiah B Eastman, 57 lbs beef.....	7 12
Robt S Fifield, tin ware.....	1 75
	\$386 81

Sold by Joseph Cram,

Hiram H Gove, use of oxen & cart.....	\$ 25
do horse & sleigh to Deering.....	50
H Hubbard, 1 cow.....	75 00
H Collins, use of horse.....	50
Wm Short, 1 shoat.....	21 97
N G Cram, use of horse.....	50
H Collins, . do	25
do plowing garden.....	50
do use of horse.....	33
Josiah B Eastman, 1 calf	8 50
J Tenney, do.....	12 00
Geo Cram, 1 lb butter.....	37
J Cram, 1 calf.....	10 00
do rooster.....	58
N G Cram, horse.....	33
J Gould, do	25
Geo Cram, do	37
J Gould, do	25
N G Cram, do	37
Almon Luf kin, for hoeing	6 00
N G Cram, horse.....	37
do do	37
do 2 qts beans,.....	33
do horse.....	50
Chas W Martin, for bark.....	46 50
J Dow, 27 lbs. butter.....	12 15
25 lbs chickens, 6 25; beans, 50; Apples, 1 00.....	7 75
Jacob Sargent, 12 cabbages.....	1 50
J Dow Clement, 24 cabbages	3 00
Peter Gove & Co., lot of cabbages.....	5 20
Mrs Saunders, 1 cheese	2 40
J L Dow, 51½ lbs butter.....	25 75
H Merrill, 29 lbs butter	14 50
J L Dow 1 bbl cider.....	4 00
Levi Currier, use of sleigh.....	40
N G Cram, 5 days haying.....	12 50

Levi Currier, lot cabbages.....	1 50
H Collins, horse.....	35
R S Fifield, rags.....	1 09
Jane Dow, 1 cheese.....	3 00
Joseph Cram, 198 lbs pork.....	25 74
Wm B Johnson, 2 axe helvies & whip stock.....	67
A H Wood, 1 axe helve.....	25
Fred Cram, board.....	8 50
Carried paupers county farm.....	16 00
Jona. Buxton, eggs.....	1 21
" 1 vest returned.....	1 75
" butter, 7 80; glue returned 34.....	8 14
" 3 doz. eggs, 78; 1 coat, 5 25.....	6 03
" 8 blbs apples.....	20 00
" 24 axe helvies.....	5 28
" 30 lbs cheese.....	5 70
" 46 lbs dried apple.....	5 52

\$386 77

Sold by C. E. Wood.

Albe Morrill, 20 bush corn.....	\$26 00
John L Hadley 20 " "	26 00
Joseph Cram, 3½ " "	4 33
Seth Hayford, 20 bush potatoes.....	14 00
Jacob Sargent, 18 "	11 70
Cyrus E Wood, ½ bush onions.....	80
J B Moulton, two shoats.....	38 00
H S Hoit, 63 cabbages.....	1 89
C E Wood, ½ bush turnips.....	30
David A Tewksbury, 5½ bush turnips.....	2 30
Elijah Dow, ½ " "	30
Seth Hayford, 1 "	40
Ed Gove, 1 "	42
J Dow Chase, 1 "	40
A H Emerson, lots beets.....	70
Josiah Dow, 1 cow.....	53 00
L B Moulton, 1 cow.....	70 50
C E Wood, 1 cow.....	53 00
J M Orne, 1 pr steers.....	90 00
" 1 steer.....	40 00
" 1 heifer.....	41 00
Jesse Clement, 1 heifer.....	35 25
Hiram S Hoit, hay and butts.....	163 00
Currier & Philbrick, meadow hay.....	25 00
Rodney Wilson, 400 bundles stocks.....	4 00
Joseph Cram, lot beans.....	3 75
Horace Richards, lot hay.....	129 00
C O Ballou, 2 heifers.....	100 00
N G Cram, 1 heifer and calf.....	50 00
R Johnson, 1 yoke oxen.....	240 00

H M Felch, 1 horse.....	185 00
Geo Foster, 1200 ft boards.....	14 40
Seth W Morse, 2 cows.....	95 00
D Sawyer & Son, 520 lbs pork.....	67 60
C E Wood, 198 lbs pork.....	25 74
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	\$12 78,61

MINISTERIAL FUND.—C. E. Wood, Agent.

Universalist	\$89 26	3d	do	do	21 38
Calvinistic Baptist	30 04	Advents			4 65
Friends	41 36	Methodist			8 55
1st Free Will Baptist	20 65				<hr/>
2d do do	21 33				\$237 22

PAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

No. 1. Putney's	\$ 80 61	10. River Road	84 67
2. North Weare	187 43	11. Mountain	85 09
3. Cotton Mill	171 65	12. Buxton's	106 79
4. Sugar Hill	98 67	13. Tavern	95 88
5. Clinton Grove	210 20	14. Oil Mill	115 41
6. Centre	149 70	15. Friends	95 09
7. East Weare	127 42	16. Cilley's	57 54
8. South Weare	219 25		<hr/>
9. Barnard Hill	117 23		\$2,002 63

ROAD BREAKING, 1868.

Charles H Johnson	\$54 12	Warren Hoit	3 95
Jacob Clark	4 94	John Edmunds	15 44
William Flanders	22 81	H J Hoit	15 26
Benjamin Hoit	20 50	Moses G Favor	5 24
William P Balch	26 66	Henry Foster	2 00
Horace J Holt	4 37	Harvey B Felch	21 30
C H Johnson	14 43	Levi Currier	14 62
C W Buxton	8 70	Nathaniel Peasley	8 74
John George	4 30	George W Scruton	15 00
Ira Felch	10 85	S L Gove	5 10
A M Favor	5 80	Ira Gove	6 38
Hiram Nichols	23 77	William Martin	3 93
Reuben Call	59	J Martin	60
Daniel Boynton	3 96	George W Saunders	39 45
do	4 40	J B Philbrick	12 25
Cyrus S Willard	3 13	Harrison E Currier	15 30
Stephen Rowell	5 30		<hr/>
Dustin White	9 25		\$419 25
Eli Chase	6 81		

PAID for Damages and building New Highways.

George S Mudgett, land damage.....	\$ 75 00
Z A & H S Hoit, do do	25 00
Fannie C Hoit do do	50 00
J M & D A Parker do do	230 00
Henry Hutchinson do do	100 00

Daniel Gregg	do	do	38 00
Robert Wilson	do	do	117 00
				635 00
Geo H Wilson, building new highway.....				216 82
Hiram S Hoit, ' do do and bridge.....				1275 00
Samuel Bailey, part pay building new highway.....				706 00
Jesse Clement, do do do				300 00

				\$3,132 82

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

John George, labor on bridge.....				\$ 1 50
Abraham Melvin do				32 25
Lawrence Kieley, gravel for highway.....				5 00
Town of Hebron, on acc't Willie Buzwell.....				11 50
John L H Marshall, expenses in 1867.....				10 25
Warren Hoit, labor on bridge.....				6 50
S N Marshall, 4 days on highway.....				6 00
do do 285 ft. plank.....				4 00
Edson C Eastman, record books				4 71
G P Hadley, services on Hoit road				6 00
Wm H Fisk, printing posters				2 50
Moses Johnson, labor and expenses on bridge.....				37 99
Hiram G Clark, damages from defect in highway.....				20 00
E C Eastman, blank books and stationery.....				17 75
Simon G Gove, labor on highway.....				39 50
John F Chase, interest.....				3 25
Robert Wilson, repairing bridge.....				6 00
J C McIntire, expenses at poor farm.....				5 17
Wm H Fisk, town officer and blank books.....				4 60
Wm B Johnson, labor and lumber for bridge.....				26 37
David Cross.....				8 00
Jona. Buxton, bridge account.....				11 42
Ebenezer Gove, agent Literary Fund.....				10 00
Daniel Paige, agent School Fund.....				6 00
Clara Gove, on acc't N Peaslee, 3.....				9 00
Robert Peaslee, 2,135 ft. pine plank and rail.....				42 70
do do 1,576 ft. hemlock plank.....				25 22
Geo L Hadley, books for indigent children.....				3 25
George Simons, glass				49
Daniel Page, surveying.....				1 00
John Osborne, books furnished scholars.....				9 00
Jesse Clement, collecting taxes.....				150 00
Daniel Johnson, services town clerk.....				35 00
Robert Wilson, selectmen's expenses.....				2 50
Daniel Johnson, selectmen's expenses.....				20 00
John Osborne, school committee.....				90 00
A H Wood's bill.....				9 90
Cyrus E Wood's bill.....				16 50
Joshua W Flanders, labor and nails.....				5 14

Daniel Johnson's bill.....	23 00
B Barnard, 1 bbl flour, Daniel Clough.....	14 00
D Sargent & Son, do do	12 25
A B Johnson, do do	10 00
A R Dearborn, on account of Tuttle, Welch and Boynton ..	89 75
City of Manchester, for M L Lull.....	3 55
Geo W Saunders for S Mitchell.....	45 00
Peterson & Whittle, on account of S Mitchell & M Ash ..	21 75
Cyrus E Wood, rent and moving Mrs Thompson.....	5 50
Abner P Collins, entertaining County paupers.....	8 00
A H Wood, do do do	5 50
Hoag, on account Cosmus Chase.....	77
A J Philbrick, do do	11 68
Peterson & Whittle, Hoit child and Cosmus Chase.....	13 50
J F Fitts, McCain family.....	6 00
Jona Buxton, goods for do.....	58 60
Cyrus E Wood, on account of McCain and Welton family ..	48 36
Hadley & Buxton, on account Benjamin Perkins.....	12 75
Jonathan Buxton, do do	37 14
Town of Sutton on account Wm Fletcher.....	56 24
Paid for repairing Cosmus Chase's house.....	4 50

C. E. Wood's Bill.

To carried Emma Thompson to town farm.....	\$ 1 00
1 day on acct. of superintendent.....	2 00
1 day with committee at Town Farm.....	2 00
1 " " " "	2 00
1 " on acct. Wilton family.....	2 00
1 " " " "	1 00
1 " at town farm.....	2 00
1 " on account Wilton	1 00
paid justice's services.....	1 00
1 day at Amherst at court.....	2 00
horse hire and expenses	3 25
1 day at Manchester, account of Wilton.....	2 00
Expenses.....	1 60
1½ days at town farm.....	3 00
1 day at Manchester, account of S Hadley.....	2 00
Expenses.....	1 60
2 days at Sutton, account Wm Fletcher.....	4 00
Horse hire and expenses.....	6 00
1 day at Nashua at court, and expenses	5 00
Carried paupers to County farm.....	8 00
1½ days at town farm & selling building road	4 00
Advertising and selling at town farm.....	10 00
Carried paupers County farm.....	8 00
½ day on account of Mrs C E Davis.....	1 00
1 day at Manchester and expenses	3 60
1 day at New Boston and horse hire.....	3 00
1 day on account of Cosmus Chase.....	2 00
2 days at Manchester at court and expenses	7 00

1 day at town farm 2 : 1 day prepar'g acct, 2 ; postage, 1 50	5 50
D P Woodbury, expenses,	8 45
Jesse Clement, expenses	12 00
A R Dearborn, on account Boynton family	24 00
Joseph W Cilley, services at town farm, 2 auditors 6	8 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

\$1,342 80

1865.		Wm McCain	5 49
Lydia Felch	\$ 8 65	Wm H Marshall	5 64
Stephen Raymond	3 50	Wm S Mudgett	5 65
1866.		Wm Frank Simons	5 64
Alfred M Hamilton, illegal	5 93	Ethan Smith, over tax	7 05
A N Dodge	13 77	James Woodbury	7 05
Wm Burnham	5 95	Joseph C Wheeler	6 49
Porter Durfur	5 70	Charles Whitaker	5 64
Francis M Eastman	5 70	Porter Durfur	64
David McDole	6 41		1868.
1867.		J G Morrill	1 93
Chas Clifford, overtax	2 35	Gilman Danforth	2 88
David Wilson	10 62	Sanborn M Crockett	2 88
Benjamin Hoyt, illegal	5 90	John Downs	2 88
Stanford Hovey	5 90	Luther Preston	2 88
Harvey Buxton	5 64	C H Shackford	2 88
James E Carey	5 64	John Turcotte	2 88
Simon J Crane	6 25	Town Farm	31 14
Moses Cram	12 69	C H Thorndike, over tax	4 62
David Eaton	10 15	Jonas L Pierce	2 88
Lydia Felch	19 18	Benjamin Hoyt	2 88
John M Gove	5 64	Levi Russel	2 88
Ethan Hoit	7 29		
Aaron Hackett	5 64		
			\$271 40

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES.	
Alonzo H Wood,	\$113 50
William B Johnson,	77 00
Daniel B Eaton,	71 00
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	\$261 50
Paid notes and interest,	\$6,331 41
Money hired and notes given, 1868.	\$693 25

A. H. WOOD, } Selectmen
W. B. JOHNSON, } of
D. B. EATON, } Weare.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Daniel Johnson, - - - - - Dr.
To Am't committed Jesse Clement, Collector, \$13,195 51
Interest on Literary Fund 150 00

Interest o. School Fund	120 00
State Literary Fund	99 18
Savings Bank tax	968 36
Railroad tax	139 42
United States bounties	200 00
Green Boynton bill	5 00
Daniel Wilson tax	10 62
Enoch Perkins tax	7 99
Error in report of notes paid 1867	200 00
Interest on money lent	7 50
Francis Eastman, unworked tax	6 90
Z A & H S Hoit on acct new road	300 00
Money hired 1865-6 not reported	598 00
Interest on the same	114 22
Amount due last year	4,594 82
Received on notes	693 25
Amount dog tax	255 00
Received of the County	386 81
C E Wood on acct Poor Farm	965 45
Daniel B Eaton, old bridge plank	3 00
	————— \$23,021 03
	CR.
Paid miscellaneous bills	\$1,342 80
Schools	2,002 68
Road breaking	419 25
State tax	3,693 75
County tax	1,262 26
Non-resident tax worked	144 46
Taxes abated	271 40
Notes and interest	6,331 41
Superintendent of Poor Farm	300 00
Daniel Johnson. treasurer	35 00
Selectmen's services	261 50
On new highway	3,132 82
	————— \$19,197 28
Amount in collector's and treasurer's hands	\$3,823 75
Outstanding notes	\$23,617 37
do bonds	28 500 00
Interest due on bonds	1,099 20
	————— 53,216 57
Due the town	3,823 75
Town debt	\$49,392 72

DANIEL JOHNSON, Town Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing accounts, and found the vouchers satisfactory and the footings correct.

CYRUS E. WOOD,
D. P. WOODBURY, }
A. B. JOHNSON, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Fellow Citizens of Weare:

It becomes my duty to present to you a statement of the condition and progress of our public schools during the past year, and to offer "such suggestions as may be useful upon the management of schools and the subject of education."

Thirty-three terms of school have been held in the town within the year, including one now in progress, and excepting one of only four days' duration.

In these, twenty-five different persons have been employed as teachers. Of the latter, fourteen had taught in Weare at some previous time; five others had taught in other towns; and six had no previous experience. Only ten were residents of the town.

Twenty-five terms have been taught by female, and eight by male teachers. The average wages per month, including board, of the male teachers, were \$40. In the other eight districts, female teachers were employed for the respective latter terms, (Fall or Winter,) at an average of \$27.50 per month, including board. The attendance of the schools comprised very nearly the same aggregate number of pupils as those having male teachers. Had these employed male teachers, at the average rate given, the loss in the amount of schooling would have averaged sixteen days to each of the eight districts.

These statements do not, by any means, close the argument as to the policy of employing male teachers for winter schools, as that depends upon other conditions, which are various in the several districts. But the idea that a term of school must be thus shortened because of one or two unruly boys, should not be admitted. A faithful and energetic female teacher will, in most cases, command the respect and ready obedience of all her pupils; and if there are any so lost to self-respect as to rebel against such a teacher, they should be regarded as forfeiting their school privileges.

Sixteen teachers have never attended a session of Teacher's Institute. A great want of the educational system of our State, is that of institutions for the special training of teachers. Had we a Normal School in each county, offering facilities for all who contemplate teaching, to acquire the needful discipline, the benefits resulting therefrom to our common schools would be great. At present, our teachers have to obtain, through plodding experience,

and often at the serious expense of their schools, the preparation for their work which they need to have at the outset.

The whole number of scholars residing in the limits of the several districts, who attended school, not less than two weeks within the year, is 543. The mean average attendance has been eighty per cent. of the whole number. Particular attention is invited to the percentage of the average attendance of each term of school, as given in the statistical table.

Irregular attendance is chief among the evils which our schools have to contend with. If a scholar is absent from school one half the time, he derives but little benefit from his attendance; and his irregularity is a serious hindrance to all with whom he is classed, and imposes additional labor upon the teacher. A great deal of the absence of pupils has been caused by sickness, and there have, doubtless, been other unavoidable causes; yet, it is believed, the average, in nearly all cases, might have been higher, if parents had taken proper care in the matter. These figures have to stand comparison with those from all the other towns in the State, and a measure of town pride, which would lead us to strive for an excellent record, would certainly be commendable.

Tardiness is also a formidable evil in some districts. This is generally quite inexcusable. Is there any sufficient reason why every school may not achieve as good a record, in this respect, as that of the winter term in district No. 1? In this, the three only instances of tardiness occurred on one morning, out of the one hundred and nine half days of the term. Contrast with this, the record of the winter term in No. 6, where one hundred and twelve tardy marks were set to the names of pupils, who reside within two minutes' walk of the school-house; and of these, three pupils, whose attendance was but twenty-eight days each, were tardy fourteen times each. The instances of tardiness, in this latter term, were fourteen per cent. of the whole attendance, and averaged five for each day. Can any one be blind to the fact, that a grievous burden was hereby imposed upon the teacher?

Studies pursued.—All the pupils of the several schools have attended to reading, and, with very few exceptions, to spelling; fifty-two per cent. to penmanship; seventy-four per cent. to arithmetic; twenty-seven per cent. to grammar, and thirty-nine per cent. to geography. Besides the above, an aggregate of fifty-eight in five districts have given slight attention to composition. History of the United States has been studied by twenty-two in eight districts. Physiology by eight in three districts. Book-keeping, by eleven in five districts. Algebra by eighteen in six districts, of whom the winter school in No. 8 had a class of nine. Philoso-

phy, four in three districts. Geometry and astronomy, one each, in district No. 8.

Reading must be allowed to be one of the most important of school pursuits, yet in no other is so little instruction given, by a large proportion of our teachers. It is true that a large share of the time of schools is given to reading, but the proficiency attained by pupils is not at all commensurate therewith. In general, (there are exceptions,) a lesson is given out to each class, of such length that they cannot be expected to acquaint themselves with it, before coming out to read. Then each one is required to read the paragraph which happens to fall to him, only mispronunciations and omissions being corrected. In some cases the members of the class are instructed to watch for these. Enunciation, rapidity of utterance, grammatical and rhetorical pauses, quantity and tone of voice, inflection, appropriate expression,—all are more or less disregarded. Not even has the scholar the benefit of an example from the lips of the teacher. Frequently no attempt is made to acquaint the pupil with the meaning of the language of the reading lesson. In some cases, incorrect pronunciations are carelessly passed, and even given by the teacher. At one school visit, it was incidentally discovered that there was not a single Dictionary in the house. True, this was an exceptional case, but the fact remains, that the Dictionary is too much a stranger in nearly all our schools. In most schools there are too many classes in reading. We need a series of reading books, in which three grades only should take the place of the five now in use, above the primary. By this, not only would the number of classes be diminished, but the tendency of pupils to attempt a higher book than they are fitted for, would in a measure be corrected. It does not seem advisable to attempt uniformity of reading books throughout the town, under present circumstances, but such slight changes should be made in a few districts as would give each a uniform series.

Penmanship has fallen into neglect in our schools. It is usually the last of school exercises to be considered, in the assignment of time, and, in some cases, no time is allowed for it, but by the omission of some other exercise. This is likely to remain so until parents make a united demand for a change. A uniform system of copy books is needed, so that scholars may be classed, for convenience in giving instruction. Much time of younger scholars is allowed to be spent in idleness or play, which might be utilized by giving them forms in writing or drawing, to copy, either on slate or paper.

Arithmetic engrosses a good deal of effort in our schools—perhaps more than its relative importance requires. If clearly pre-

sented, it is the most attractive of studies, to a majority of minds. A thorough knowledge of elementary principles and process is needed in every pursuit of life; but, beyond that, most of the labor spent on arithmetic in our school never becomes available in a common business life. A change of text-books in this branch, if wisely made, would doubtless be beneficial, yet far more depends upon the teacher than upon text-books, in giving pupils a clear understanding of arithmetical principles.

Grammar, with the prevailing method of presentation, falls far short of its professed object: the acquirement of the art of speaking and writing correctly. Analysis and parsing—the extent of grammatical instruction, at present—may be essential steps in that acquirement; but they should not be taken for the art itself, which involves construction quite as much as analysis. The time will come when the correct use of language will be taught in our common schools, and when we shall have text books convenient for the purpose, for the spirit of the age demands it.

In Geography, a new series of text books has seemed to be positively needed, and the subject has received careful attention, adaptation to the wants of the schools, and economy in the expense to parents, being fully considered. The conclusion arrived at is in favor of Guyot's Elementary and Intermediate Geographies. These have been used in five of the winter schools, (in districts No. 2, 3, 5, 6 and 8,) with the most satisfactory results. In each of these schools, they have seemed to give a new impulse to this too much neglected branch of study. They should immediately supplant all others in use, throughout the town.

A good series of *Wall Maps* is very desirable to every earnest teacher of geography. Nine districts are, at present, destitute of these, though in one, there is a prospect of an excellent set being furnished at no distant day. If the citizens of the several districts will but make a united effort, they may easily furnish their schools with them, and thus lay up for themselves a treasure of gratitude, besides having the happy consciousness of doing something to increase the efficiency of their schools.

History, particularly that of United States, is a study deserving more general pursuit. It should have as many students in our schools as grammar, and with a proper text book, it may be studied with profit by those who have not yet attained to sufficient powers of discernment to be benefitted by grammar. Quackenbos' Elementary History of the United States, issued within the past year, seems admirably adapted to the capacities of younger scholars, and contains all that is needed on the subject, in a common school course.

In the remarks which follow, concerning the schools individually, my aim is to speak plainly, not censuring undeservedly, nor hiding any defect of which I am fully persuaded. A truthful record only can be of any real service.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—NORTH WESTERN.

Prudential Committee, Silas McKellips.

Summer term, taught by Martha E. Chase. Apparently the relations subsisting between the teacher and pupils and parents were, in all, respects the most pleasant and satisfactory. Yet, the final examination of this school did not show that anything considerable had been accomplished. A general disinclination for effort seemed to prevail. The pupils rested securely in the confidence, that if their lessons were not learned, they would be kindly helped out in recitation by the teacher. Reading exercises were conducted with exceeding carelessness. There was good scholarship in this school—particularly in intellectual arithmetic. Only a thorough waking up was needed, to make the term as profitable as it evidently was pleasant, to those directly concerned.

Winter term taught by Dennis R. Chase, of East Deering, a beginner, yet withal a careful and faithful teacher. A marked improvement in reading was gladly noticed. Excellent progress was made in arithmetic, and in other branches lessons were generally well learned. Four pupils were reported as having given the teacher no occasion to speak to them for any misconduct. No whispering within the knowledge of the teacher during the term.

DISTRICT. 2.—NORTH WEARE.

Prudential Committee, Lewis Greenleaf, J. B. Moulton and Charles F. Chase.

Both Summer and Winter terms were taught by Fannie L. Burnham, of Dunbarton. In both terms the attendance was very irregular, but good progress was made by all who attended most of the time. Thoroughness in rudimental instruction, and a definite system in all the processes of school management, were characteristic aims in this school, and though some scholars chafed under them, it became evident they constituted just the discipline that was needed. A great deal of fault has been found with this school, but according to the best of my knowledge, no part of it has ever proceeded from a parent who had visited the school, nor from a scholar who was regular in attendance, and strove for advancement. Its real source seems to have been a disgraceful bickering among the citizens of the district, which had no original reference, whatever, to Miss Burnham, or her school management. In the winter term, a few large boys, apparently led on by sportive

adventure rather than by any dislike to the teacher, lapsed into persistent misconduct, and it was found necessary to expel one of them. Immediately a spirit of manliness seemed to be awakened, respect for the teacher was restored, the expelled member was allowed to resume his place in the school in consideration of sincere promises of future good conduct, and all went pleasantly to the last.

A portion of the citizens manifested a lively interest in their school, and in no other district has the Prudential Committee been more devoted to the prosperity of the school, than in this. The avoidance of whispering by the pupils in both terms, is warmly commended by the teacher. All scholars were marked as tardy, who were not present precisely at the time the school was called, which makes the number of "instances of tardiness" larger than some teachers would have given. One week of the winter term was given by the teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 3.—ROCKLAND.

Prudential Committee, Jonathan Vitty.

Three terms—Summer, Fall and Winter—taught by Luella E. Straw, of West Hopkinton. Every grade of scholarship is represented in this school, and it includes a large proportion of such pupils as are habitually impatient of restraint. It therefore requires the utmost degree of watchfulness and patience, together with ready literary qualifications for its successful management. It was the good fortune of the district, to find in their teacher, these qualities, combined with the faculty of imparting knowledge, all in eminent degree. All the older scholars attained a high degree of proficiency in the several branches pursued. The introduction of Guyot's geographies awakened a lively interest in that branch of study. At the examination of the winter term, three young misses each drew on the black-board, from memory, a very correct outline of South America, locating the principal rivers, mountains, capes, &c., according to the rules given in their text book. This occupied them but a very few minutes.

The winter term would have been ten weeks in length, but was brought to an abrupt close by a panic on account of sickness in the neighborhood.

DISTRICT NO. 4—SUGAR HILL.

Prudential Committee, Harvey C. Felch.

Jennie M. Peaslee, teacher of both summer and winter terms. This is a very interesting school, the scholars being, for the most part, orderly, devoted to their teacher, and apparently interested in school exercises. As a pattern of a quiet method of govern-

ment, by which the whole school is not disturbed by every correction of a misdemeanor, I would commend Miss Peaslee's example to some other teachers. At the close of either term, the examination was enlivened by declamations, recitations, and a paper filled mainly with original articles by the scholars. The final exercise of the winter term was the presentation by the scholars, of a valuable token of their esteem, to the teacher, accompanied by a very creditable address by one of their number. The people of this district were fortunate in securing twenty-five weeks, within the year, of a good school.

DISTRICT NO. 5.—CLINTON GROVE.

Prudential Committee, Geo. C. Paige.

Summer term taught by H. Marion Straw, of West Hopkinton. This school sustained the excellent reputation which it has held in years past. Thoroughness was the constant aim. The pupils of this school are wide awake, and interested in their studies, consequently a good deal was accomplished. It was pleasant to meet a large number of the parents at examination, but let me say to them, don't always wait till examination day to testify your interest in the prosperity of your school.

The teacher remarks, "The scholars have been very obedient, and the parents uniformly kind."

Winter term, taught by Eliza A. Gillis, of Bennington. This was Miss Gillis' fifth term in this district, and past service had won for her the high appreciation of the pupils and parents. A continuance of the same cordial esteem was fully justified by the results of this term. It was, in all respects, an excellent school. A great deal of oral instruction was given. Classes of younger scholars were drilled in the elements of arithmetic, grammar and geography without the use of text books. Reading exercises received careful attention. An excellent exercise was the daily writing by the members of the class in history, of the substance of what they had learned upon a given topic. The seats and desks in this school-room are a constant source of annoyance and discomfort.

DISTRICT NO. 6.—CENTER.

Prudential Committee, Asa Breed, (deceased,) succeeded by George Simons.

Summer term taught by Lydia C. Johnson. This was a very noisy school. Some attempts were made to secure order, but confusion still triumphed at the close. As an instructor, Miss Johnson ranks high, and those scholars who were regular in attendance, made fair progress.

Winter term taught by John F. Chase of East Deering. Though

this was a short term, a good deal was accomplished. Good order and respectful deportment, somewhat wanting at first, were soon secured. Some scholars learned that they could change position without noise, and keep their lips still while studying. Some needed reforms in the arrangement of classes were effected. The members of the Second Reader class were taught the names and indications of the several punctuation marks—an accomplishment too generally confined to older scholars, and too little understood even by the most advanced. In all studies, a clear understanding was sought to be impressed, and much instruction was given outside of the text books. A very full and excellent Register was returned, in which the amount in cash lost to the district by non-attendance was given, viz : \$23. For what more needs to be said. I trust the teacher will not object to my copying from his Register. "Irregular attendance and its satellite are the curse of this school. One year ago it could boast of its 317 'tardys ;' this winter of 159, too many by one hundred."

"More interest is wanted on the part of parents. When they learn the importance of punctual attendance, when they see that their children are at school every half-day, and in season ; when they learn the bad results of permitting their children to be 'dismissed' to go on every trivial errand, then will this school take position in town worthy of its Geographical location."

DISTRICT NO. 7.—EAST WEARE.

Prudential Committee, Alfred R. Dearborn, M. D.

The Summer term, taught by Mary P. H. Tenney of North Dunbarton, was manifestly a failure, considered with reference to its legitimate purposes. It is a matter for serious consideration that a sum of money set apart for the transcendent purpose of education, has been wasted. A class of citizens who would have given the teacher frequent occasion to appreciate their interest in the welfare of the school, by visiting it, and by offering kind and encouraging counsel, might have caused a different result. But the blame does not all rest with the negligence of the citizens, nor yet with their readiness to find fault, grievous as that may have been. Miss Tenney brought to her task fair literary attainments, and, no doubt, sincere desire for success as a teacher. Her inefficiency seemed to consist in failing to put herself in sympathy with her pupils, to appreciate their difficulties, to have patience with their dullness to assist and encourage them, to make clear to them the subjects of study, and especially to gain their respect and ready obedience. Self-government seemed to be wanting. Pupils were repelled by an unkind and irritating tone and manner, and thus disheartened for their tasks. Parents were either indifferent or *merely* joined in

blaming the teacher. Only one of them visited the school before the last day of the term. The only remedy they tried was to take their children from school. At the end of the eighth week fifteen scholars had left. Of those who continued to the close, a small number were comparatively studious, and respectful in behaviour. Others were rude and insolent in the extreme, and manifested an utter want of application to their studies. The school had gained very little from text-books or teacher.

Winter term, Henry M. Dearborn, teacher. The merit of honest aims, and assiduous, patient labor, is cheerfully accorded to Mr. Dearborn. The requirements of the situation were extraordinary, and it is no disparagement to say he did not prove himself equal to them. More active measures, united with a more constant vigilance, were needed to establish good order. A more forcible presentation of the subjects of school effort was also needed to induce a reasonable advancement, in *this* school. Less than two-thirds of the pupils were present at examination, several having left at noon of that day—an indication of the indifference of parents. Those who remained were but ill prepared for examination. It was evident, good lessons and an understanding of what had been passed over, had not been insisted on. The low rate of the average attendance was partly due to the early commencement, by which a considerable number were deprived of a portion of the term.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—SOUTH WEARE.

Prudential Committee, George L. Hadley, succeeded by Francis Eastman.

Summer term, Western section, taught by Ella M. Peaslee. A characteristic of this school was the perfect order which seemed to prevail. This seems a subject of constant care on the part of the teacher. Scholars were generally studious, but there was an evident want of enthusiasm.

Summer term, Eastern section, taught by Sarah M. Hadley. This was a live school, and good progress was made. In Reading, particularly, the improvement showed that it had been made a subject of careful teaching. Miss Hadley governed the school well, not by severity, but by keeping the whole school under her eye at all times, and reproofing only in kindness. Whatever shade of dullness might otherwise have rested upon this group was dispelled by frequent animating songs, in which all participated.

Winter term taught by George L. Hadley. This term was held in the new schoolhouse, which is one the people of the district may justly be proud of, for in all respects, it is an honor to them. In its interior arrangement, it seems to present every convenience that can be needed or desired. Mr. Hadley labored earnestly, faithful-

ly, and with eminent success in the advancement of his pupils. The happy faculty is his of making explanations in all branches with perfect clearness. Here was a very interesting company of large scholars, the highest class in Reading numbering thirty. The primary classes were under the entire charge of Sarah M. Hadley, who must share the credit of the prosperity of the school. The most cordial mutual esteem seemed to exist between teachers and scholars, and the term was a pleasant one to all concerned. An extract from Mr. Hadley's "remarks," is due to the citizens. "The parents have encouraged and strengthened me in the performance of duty by a manifest anxiety to have a profitable school, and a willingness to do their part in making it such. Only a teacher can appreciate the value of such aid and encouragement. The pupils have been very much interested in their studies, and faithful in the performance of their duties."

DISTRICT NO. 9.—BARNARD HILL.

Orrin C. Favor, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Ella F. Foster. This was Miss Foster's first effort at teaching; and it was unfortunately attended with the embarrassing circumstance that the Prudential Committee had hired her in disregard of the known wishes of a considerable number of the scholars and their parents. The prejudice thus existing, she did not prove herself able to overcome. A term of fourteen weeks was expected; but the number of scholars being reduced to three, the teacher closed the school. Not visiting it near the close, I cannot report the progress made, but presume it was various with the different scholars, according to their habits of study. Very little enthusiasm was manifest at my only visit.

Winter term taught by B. F. Cilley. Information of the close of this term failed to reach me in time, and I therefore visited it but once. From the appearance of the school when visited, the good reputation of the teacher, and the uniform testimony of citizens, I have no hesitation in pronouncing it a profitable term. The teacher remarks, "During the entire term, there has nothing arisen to mar the interest or hinder the progress of the school. The scholars have manifested a good desire to learn and to be obedient and faithful at school."

DISTRICT NO. 10.—RIVER ROAD.

I. J. C. Melvin, Prudential Committee.

Fall and Winter terms both taught by Lucy J. Priest of Derry. Miss Priest is an experienced and careful teacher, and the progress made during both terms was entirely satisfactory.

DISTRICT NO. 11.—MOUNTAIN.

Hiram H. Gove, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Emma F. Bailey of New Boston. Numbering only seven scholars, and the attendance very irregular, this school was not calculated to stimulate a young teacher, nor to exhibit any very remarkable achievements. It was evidently a quiet, orderly, pleasant school. The aim of the teacher was to be thorough in the instruction given. No information of the close was given me.

Winter term taught by James F. Locke of East Deering. Mr. Locke did not mistake his calling when he attempted teaching, albeit, a more thorough preparation would be an advantage. Our schools have need of just such patient, conscientious laborers as he. Scarcely a school in town has shown better results in proportion to the length of the term, and considering the average scholarship of its members. A good deal of profane language was used by scholars at the first of the term, but the teacher set himself resolutely against it, and banished it from the school-room.

DISTRICT NO. 12.—BUXTON'S.

George W. Dearborn, Prudential Committee.

Summer term, taught by Armena J. Dustin of East Deering.—A few scholars were very irregular in attendance, chiefly, but not wholly on account of sickness. More than usual accomplishments in Intellectual Arithmetic were shown at examination. In some other branches the exercises seemed burdened with a lack of spirit. Scholars seemed afraid to let their voices be heard, both in reading and in reciting their lessons. There was a general absence of whispering, and good order prevailed. The teacher says, "We have not tried to hurry over our lessons, but to understand them." A worthy purpose, indeed.

Winter term taught by Almon L. Sleeper. This was Mr. Sleeper's third winter term in the district, and the thorough acquaintance existing between teacher and pupils was an advantage to the school. At my only visit, the scholars seemed highly interested in their studies, and there was every indication of a prosperous term. Information of the close did not reach me in time for a visit.

DISTRICT NO. 13.—DEARBORN'S.

Mark Colburn, Prudential Committee.

Both Summer and Winter terms were taught by Mary M. Lufkin of New Boston. The average attendance of this school was lower than that of any other whose scholars all resided within the district. Sickness caused a great deal of non-attendance in the summer term, and on that account the school was vacated at the end of three

weeks, remaining closed for nine weeks, when it was resumed and continued five weeks more. Of course, nothing remarkable in the way of advancement could be accomplished under such circumstances. The teacher seemed willing to do her duty faithfully, yet more energy was desirable.

The Winter term was undertaken with the understanding that the parents desired to have the same teacher, and with the confidence on her part, that they would give their hearty support, and co-operate for the welfare of the school. A more experienced and energetic teacher should have been employed, to insure any reasonable degree of advancement in this school, as well as to bring the scholars under proper control. A considerable number were taken out by their parents (as stated to me,) to avoid boarding the teacher. Others left for other reasons, and the attendance was reduced to eight in number, when the school was closed by the teacher two weeks sooner than was expected, no notice having been given me.

DISTRICT NO. 14.—OIL MILL VILLAGE.

Hiram H. Favor, Prudential Committee.

Summer term taught by Celestia C. Hoyt of Dunbarton. A great improvement in order was visible at my final visit; and the exercises of examination showed that the scholars had applied themselves to their studies, and that the teacher had labored faithfully.

A Winter term was commenced Dec. 21st, by Calvin Martin of Dunbarton, but continued only four days, owing to sickness of the teacher. At my visit, on the fourth day, the prospect of a quiet school seemed exceedingly dubious. A few weeks later, a person who had failed to obtain a certificate as teacher, imposed himself upon the district, through misrepresentation, and succeeded in holding his place for nine days, to the manifest detriment of the school. At length, John F. Chase of East Deering, was employed, and commenced Feb. 10th. This school is reported at the end of twelve days. The term will probably be thirty days in length. Mr. C. found the school much demoralized, but has succeeded in bringing it under good discipline, and has every prospect of accomplishing a good work in the improvement of both scholarship and deportment. The scholars have been inconveniently classed, and a great reform in this respect was immediately effected. There is material here for a superior school.

DISTRICT NO. 15.—FRIENDS.

David Gove, Prudential Committee.

Alice L. Smith, teacher of both Summer and Fall terms. This school was under excellent management, and fully sustained the good reputation it has generally held.

DISTRICT NO. 16.—CILLEY'S.

David F. Edmunds, Prudential Committee.

Clara A. Barnard of Dunbarton, teacher. Five of the scholars came from other districts, and attended only a part of the term, thus greatly reducing the proportionate average attendance. This was a very pleasant and active school—pupils interested in their studies—teacher competent and faithful.

The following page contains no inconsiderable part of this report, all of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN OSBORNE, School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

District No.	Terms.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	Average per cent of whole No.	Instances of tardiness.	Tardiness per ct. of whole attendance	Instances of dismissal.	No. not absent a single half day.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending.	Visits by citizens and others.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teachers per month including board.	Money appropriated in 1868.	No. of scholars for Apportionment.
1	Summer.	16	14 $\frac{1}{4}$	91	9	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	5	1	31	10	\$20 00	\$80 61	17
	Winter.	13	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	89	3	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1	2	7	16	10	27		
2	Summer.	87	25 $\frac{1}{4}$	69	90	7	36	2	4	26	10	28	187 43	49
	Winter.	39	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	73	136	12	31	2	11	24	8	40		
3	Summer.	51	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	86	168	8	53	1		15	10	28	171 65	58
	Fall.	47	37	79	82	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	8	2	6	8	28		
4	Winter.	41	35	85	106	7	22	6	5	9	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	26		
	Summer.	23	18	79	12	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	2	1		18	11	20	98 67	31
5	Winter.	31	26	84	27	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	0		29	14	24		
	Summer.	34	30	88	54	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	0	4	43	10	30	210 20	48
6	Winter.	46	42	91	80	4	12	3	3	25	10	38		
	Summer.	35	26 $\frac{1}{4}$	84	65	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	5	0	21	8	24	149 70	43
7	Winter.	42	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	80	159	14	16	1	4	22	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 50		
	Summer.	33	24	73	64	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	0	6	16	10	22 50	127 42	42
8	Fall.	35	27	77	79	7	23	3	0	12	8	41		
	Summer.	21	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	79	34	5	12	3	4	4	8	20	219 25	65
9	Summer.	30	25	83	17	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	0	0	17	8	16		
	Winter.	58	50	86	69	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	9	6	6	33	11	50		
10	Summer.	13	10	76	21	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	0	3	13	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	117 23	21
	Winter.	19	16	84	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	2	8	9	32		
11	Fall.	24	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	69	5	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	20	10	20	84 67	26
	Winter.	26	20	78	12	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	14	8	24		
12	Summer.	7	6	85	23	7	4	0	7	41	10	16	85 09	14
	Winter.	12	11	91	20	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	3	1	8	7	32		
13	Summer.	22	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	78	9	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	4	3	26	9	20	106 79	27
	Winter.	19	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	91	20	2	4	4	10	12	11	35		
14	Summer.	14	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	68	20	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	23	0	2	24	8	20	95 88	29
	Winter.	24	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	64	22	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	1	1	24	10	24		
15	Summer.	97	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	82	60	4	43	3	0	37	10	26	115 41	44
	Winter.	41	37	91	51	11	11		8			50		
16	Summer.	23	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	89	18	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	5	6	34	8	20	95 09	27
	Fall.	22	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	74	10	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	5		17	9	24		
	Fall.	13	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	58	10	2	8	0	0	20	12	20	57 55	8

